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THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

The following notifications appear in Friday's Government Gazette.

GOVERNMENT.—An order has been made by the Governor and Executive Council, dated 24th November, 1868, empowering Mr. Robert Dawson, Police Magistrate, Cooma, to exercise, at the following town or places, that is to say, at Cooma, Namadgi, Kiandra, and Seymour, within the police districts of Cooma, the special powers mentioned to be given to police officers by the provisions clause of the Clerks of Petty Sessions Act of 1857, for a period of two years from the date of the said Order in Council.

MUDGER.—The undermentioned gentlemen have been appointed to be members of the Public School Board in connection with the Public School Board at Mudger, viz.—Messrs. Alexander Cox, J. P., Daniel Caslin, and James Atkinson.

RETURN OF PUBLICANS' LICENSES, issued from the 1st to the 30th November, 1868, upon certificates granted at special meetings, and who have paid the fees, to the following districts:—Edward Kelly, Royal Hotel, Stoney Creek, Mutton's Fall; John Wade, Rest and Be Thankful, William's Creek; Andrew Whiford, Fitzroy Hotel, Tindale's Hollow, Bourke district; Francis Henry Burden, Enna Inn, on the Lake Warrego Road; Burden, on the Lake Warrego Road; John Webb, on the Lake Warrego Road; Jeremiah Costello, Walkerville Hotel, Corowa; Deniliquin district; Duncan William Campbell, Mathoura Hotel, Mathoura; William Simpson, White Lion, Deniliquin; Goulburn District; George Webb, Bob Chere and Bob Chever, Goulburn; John Allen, Hillside Creek; Daniel Frazer (not stated); Sydenham; Charles J. Martin, Hotel, Main Southern Road, Hillside Creek; Daniel Frazer, on the Lake Warrego Road, Junction; Gunnadah district; Alfred Hyndes Hatfield, Mulally Mountain Hotel, Mulally Mountain, Grampians district; Ambrose Kelly, Bush Inn, Tyngam, on the Lake Warrego Road; John Webb, on the Lake Warrego; Arms, Sad Walls Creek; Thomas Whitty, Rock of Cashel Inn, Sad Walls Creek; Kiandra district; William Bourke, Kiandra Hotel, Kiandra; Orange district; John Dalton, O'Connell Inn, Orange; Sofala district; Tom Dunn, on the Lake Warrego Road; Sydenham; John Blake, The Sheridan Knowles, Riley's Hill, Sydenham; Tawmworth district; James Salter, Barbers Hotel, Barbers Wagga Wagga district; Charles Buffery, Narandera Hotel, Narandera; Harry Levett, Maroon Creek, Narandera; John Webb, on the Lake Warrego Road; John Webb, on the Lake Warrego; Arms, Sad Walls Creek; Thomas Whitty, Rock of Cashel Inn, Sad Walls Creek; Kiandra district; William Bourke, Kiandra Hotel, Kiandra; Orange district; John Dalton, O'Connell Inn, Orange; 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THE LAND.

From the Sydney Mail, December 12.
We continue to hear excellent accounts of the sugar crop. But so large is the increase of area planted with cane, that well-grounded fears are entertained lest the machinery put up and to be erected will be quite insufficient for its conversion. We cannot restrain a conviction that instead of looking for the arrival of some expensive apparatus necessary for the production of first-class sugar, a great many of the growers, especially those of them who are occupying isolated situations, would do well to content themselves with a simple process for the production of a good household article. We are given to understand that better results are produced in the Mauritius by those who make and sell a coarse sugar for refining, than by those who erect expensive refining works. This, probably, is the case. There are some simple machines in use—Hart's has already been referred to. At a late meeting of the Moreton Bay Farmers' Association, the members were apprised of a very simple sugar machine in Java. Mr. Booth, late manager for Mr. Raft, brought the matter before the meeting of the Association. He said "that he, as well as others, had long been impressed with the necessity that existed of some plan for the cheap manufacture of sugar being instituted in the colony. He had seen a very cheap and serviceable sugar-machine used in Java, and thought it just the thing that small farmers required here. It was a one-horse vertical mill, and would cost about £15 only. It was made entirely of wood, except three wheels, which were of iron, and it could easily be transported from place to place. Such a machine would turn out from 140 lbs. of sugar to 160 lbs. a day, but of course the same principle could be extended, and a larger machine, capable of producing more sugar, might be made. Two broad, shallow copper pans would also be required, and a wooden cooler. He had seen one at work on the Pine River, and the 'trash' from it was quite free from any saccharine matter, all the juice having been taken out of the cane by the machine. In answer to a question Mr. Booth stated that, if the mill was well fed, four hours' work at it for a horse would be quite as much as a strong animal could accomplish." The meeting sensibly agreed to give this machine a trial. A subscription was set on foot for the purpose at once, and our own cane growers would do well to follow the example. The same gentleman made some suggestions relative to the classification of sugars which may prove of value:—"The plan he proposed was the same, he stated, as that in vogue in most countries in Europe, where the quality of sugar is notified by numbers, ranging from 7 to 20, samples of each quality being issued by the Governments of the various countries in hermetically sealed bottles, which it was impossible to tamper with. In London, sugar No. 16 was the standard quality, the price of that ruling the others, rising so much a cwt. for every number over, and decreasing for every number lower. In these colonies the different qualities of sugar were specified by name, but the plan he suggested would be found to work better and prove more simple. He had some sample bottles, and would be happy to give them to the Association."

We are indebted to Mr. Thomas Scott for specimens of sugar cane intended to establish his assertions that it is a mistake to call that China which is Tahitian cane. The specimens are two, both yellow Tahitian, which he says are from stock brought by himself from Tahiti in 1819. They present a very different appearance. Both are slender canes, but one is of a violet yellow colour, the internodes being from one to two inches apart; the other is of a pale green colour, the internodes varying from twelve to fifteen inches. A casual observer would take them to be different varieties, but Mr. Scott affirms the difference to be only the result of a different mode of culture. The best grown, he says, "was grown upon good land and not trashed. The other was grown upon bad land and trashed." He thus considers that he has made good his case against Mr. Hall, and very possibly he has. Whether it is China cane or Tahitian cane, however, is of very small consequence, so long as it contains a large amount of sugar, and is a hardy rapid grower. We shall be in a better position to say something definite about its value when we have obtained our next return from those persons who are just finishing their sugar making. On all hands we are now fully convinced that more has been written in this colony about sugar-making and canning from theoretical than from practical knowledge. We have here our business to learn. There have been a vast number of pretenders, and really surprisingly few who are practically acquainted with the subject. In process of time we shall be able to speak with confidence on the yield to be expected, and the profit to be made.

Before closing these remarks we beg to acknowledge Mr. Alfred Begbie's sample of yellow sugar from the Upper Manning. It fully bears out our observations respecting the wisdom of resorting to a rough and ready process. This fine bright sugar has been dried in the sun, and although there is a good deal of treacle yet in it, no family would object to the sweetening of daily life with it.

The pedigree stock imported by Captain Williams of the Parramatta, the bulls "Grand Signeur" and "Commodore," lately commented upon, were sold on the 9th, at public auction, by Messrs. Harrison and Jones, and were purchased by Mr. E. D. Ogilvie of Youghal, Clarence River, the former for 135 guineas, the latter for 110 guineas. We scarcely think they will leave much profit in the hands of the importers at these prices.

An error crept into our summary of Mr. Rolloston's figures relating to the results of wheat growing during the last ten years; it is therefore desirable to repeat it corrected. Looking at the average yield and price that has reigned during this period, the following appears to be the money result per acre to the wheat grower.

it will continue to be reduced until those districts are charged with the production of this grain, which are alone adapted to yield it. It is very clear that a yield of nine or twelve bushels of wheat, at 7s. 10d. per bushel, will not repay the farmer the expenses of tillage, seed, and harvesting, &c. Something more must be done. The aim must be to get from twenty to thirty bushels. The land must be well done for this, and then, though there should be one year of rust out of five, there will be a bank balance attributable to the four good years, sufficient to cover the cost of failure. We recommend Mr. Rolloston's paper to the careful attention of readers, and hope it may be followed by another, placing before us a similar statement of the other grain crops.

In another column will be found a pleasing notice of Mr. James White's purchases amongst the Herefords in England, whilst he went some months since. It will be seen that he has been purchasing largely, and we doubt not judiciously, and that the Hunter district will feel the advantage of this his first visit to England in a very sensible degree. The Hereford breed has many admirers in this colony, and their cause will, doubtless, receive a great accession of strength when Mr. White's imports reach Muswellbrook.

Some time since we called attention to Mr. James Manning's method of PRESERVING MEAT in a raw fresh state, and expressed our conviction that the process would prove a success. That opinion was founded upon the theoretical understanding of the process itself, and a slight acquaintance with a few tins of the meat which had been in keeping some months. We are now in a position to say something more about Mr. Manning's application. It seems that he has put up 2500 tins of meat, principally beef, which have met with a good market, and the cordial approval of consumers in Hobart Town, the Fijis, and New Caledonia. In the Fijis the tinned meat finds a ready sale at 10d. per pound, and in Hobart Town at 6d. This is the price at each of these places. A large order has been executed for China, 6d. per lb. being paid here. This is, perhaps, the most remunerative process of meat preserving that has yet been started in this colony. Mr. Manning has kindly placed at our disposal the following statement of account. It is not surprising, but factual. Having reduced several head of stock—bullocks and sheep—tinned meat, the following is the money result per head:—

Showing Expenses and Profit per head of Stock	
actual result per head	
To costs of sheep	By 40 lbs. tinned mutton, with bone, at 6d.
At 60 lbs.	50 5 0
..	50 5 0
Each	1 2 1
each gross, at 6d.	1 17 9
each bushel in cutting up, packing, &c.	0 7 6
Chemicals	0 5 6
Packing case	0 18 5
Freight, sundries, from Paulsland to Sydney	0 1 0
Balance to profit	4 19 6
	0 0 0
	£13 16 0
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Showing Expenses and Profit per head of Sheep by actual result per head

To costs of sheep after shearing,	
At 60 lbs.	40 5 0
..	40 5 0
Each	1 2 1
each gross, at 6d.	1 17 9
each bushel in cutting up, packing, &c.	0 7 6
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It is not necessary that we should comment upon the remunerative character of such a transaction compared with the miserable return realised by most squatters from the ordinary boiling-down process now generally produced, or even for rearing sheep for sale at 5s. a head after shearing. But the question is, how can this process be made available. If Mr. Manning prepared to buy all the sheep that may be sent to him at 5s. for tanning, or all the 500-lb. bullocks at £4 12s. 6d.? We should suppose not. But the process is patented, and it may be applied under royalty. The best mode of operating that occurs to us is this—that the squatters of a district should invite Mr. Manning to send some one to them for the purpose of erecting the machinery and superintending the process. He would then be assured that the process carried out under his patent was properly done, and would of course be able to keep a check on the amount tanned. Happily the apparatus required is so small, and the building required is so slight, that the preliminary expenses would be nominal. He could, therefore, commence anywhere, and on the shortest notice. Whatever may be the theoretical opinion of the effects of the chemicals he employs, here is meat preserved by them which has a good market, and it only remains for others to go in and partake of the profits which he appears to be realising for himself.

The ORIUM still continues to distress us by its spread. If we are to trust the reports that reach us, it has now made its appearance in many of the vine districts. The scientific are at work upon it, observing and noting and experimenting, and doubtless we shall have some good results to communicate respecting the value of respective modes of treatment. The information for which the Scientific Committee of the Agricultural Society with admirable precision applied to the French Government, and the French Agricultural Societies for six months since, has in part come to hand, and has been made known by the Secretary, who is prepared to furnish information to those who require it as to what should be done. We learn both from France and the Cape of Good Hope that this fungus yields to treatment of a simple and inexpensive nature.

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From Our Correspondent.]

This orchard has made its appearance in (if not all) of the vineyards in the district, a malady which is said to have been prevalent in the vines of some of the growers to discuss the means of alleviating or curing the ravages of the disease. The meeting took place in the Church of England Schoolhouse, on Thursday evening, the 10th instant, and was numerously attended. The Rev. G. J. Moore, the chairman, who said that it was very clear that they had made no progress in this direction, and for such an object as the present. They had met before on account of the disease in orange trees. This was the second calamity which has appeared amongst them affecting their fruit. He thought it would be best to consult something about the disease, and ascertain if we know that, unfortunately, we have got it in our vines. He believed the best mode of proceeding would be to look to the mode of cure by which the calamity might be removed or alleviated. Seeing Mr. J. M. Joubert, the respected secretary of the Horticultural Society, he had, during the latter part of last season, visited vineyards at Warratah, Illawarra, and other parts of the colony, and concluded by urging on those who had

vines to use the sulphur, and to use their best endeavours to prevent its spread. All that he requested of us to do was to prevent its spread and did a great amount of injury to their neighbours by their neglect.

Mr. J. JOURNET said that, as the secretary of the Horticultural Society, he had attended there that evening for the purpose of hearing the report of the committee of enquiry, and to receive any information he might possess upon the subject. By the last mail he had received the latest work (from France) upon the Oidium; it appeared that all writers, or nearly all, were agreed that sulphur was the most certain remedy for cure; and he advised the committee to use sulphur. He had, however, heard of some cases brought to his office, he took three berries that were much affected with Oidium, applied sulphur to them, put them outside of the office in the sun, covering them with a cloth, and left them out for a hour and exposed, at half past 2 the berries were quite clean. There could be no doubt that sulphur was an effectual cure. The fungi looked at through a microscope appeared very minute, a cantharidus with egg-sacs, and a small Cystidium, the latter being a powerful oöcyste, due to the action of the Oidium.

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